GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4201
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
DARK MANDALS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are dark mandals in Andhra Pradesh due to exploitation of ground water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being considered by the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) to prevent the areas becoming dark?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) As per information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 15 dark mandals in terms of ground water exploitation in the State. A list of dark mandals is given in the statement.

(c) In order to prevent the decline in the levels of ground water, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up recharging measures under Neeru-Meeru Programme since May, 2000. The first phase of this programme is completed. The State Government is also implementing various watershed development programmes.

The Central Ground Water Board has sanctioned 5 artificial recharge schemes of the State Government under its pilot Central Sector Scheme on artificial recharge of ground water. The Central Ground Water Authority has also organised mass awareness programmes in the districts of Nalgonda and Mehboobnagar about the need for protection and conservation of ground water.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4201 TO BE ANSWERED IN T LOK SABHA ON 20.08.2001.

LIST OF DARK MANDALS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	DARK MANDALS
1.	Cuddapah	Proddatur
		Vempali
2.	Anantapur	Rolla
		Parigi
		Yadiki
3.	Chittoor	Chandragiri
		Kammapalli
		Somala
		Tirupathi
4.	Guntur	Thulluru
5.	Karimnagar	Metpalli
6.	Mehboobnagar	Midgil
7.	Medak	Dhoulatabad
8.	Rangareddy	Moinabad
9.	West Godavari	Undrajawaram
Total:		15